

Electronic Supplementary Information (ESI) for

Thiol-Ene Click Reaction: A New Pathway to Hydrophilic Metal-Organic Frameworks for Water Purification

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Table S1. Summary of Zr-MSA PSM by click reactions.

Sample	PEG	Catalyst or initiator	Physical aspect after click
Zr-MSA-UV1	PEG-acrylate-480	DMPAP/UV	Suspension
Zr-MSA-UV2	PEG-diacrylate-575	DMPAP/UV	Gel
Zr-MSA-P1	PEG-acrylate-480	TBP	Suspension
Zr-MSA-P2	PEG-diacrylate-575	TBP	Suspension

Table S2. Textural parameters for the Zr-MSA and the Zr-MSA modified by click reactions.

Sample	S_{BET}, m² g⁻¹	Micropore volume, cm³ g⁻¹	Total pore volume, cm³ g⁻¹
Zr-MSA	547	0.146	0.37
Zr-MSA-UV1	97	0.018	0.18
Zr-MSA-UV2	90	0.015	0.12
Zr-MSA-P1	232	0.05	0.22
Zr-MSA-P2	269	0.06	0.27

Digestion of PEG clicked Zr-MSA

10 mg of each sample were added into an eppendorf with 0.4 mL of DMSO-d₆. Then, 50 μL of HF and 0.1 mL of D₂O were added to the mixture. The mixture was sonicated for 2 minutes and kept at room temperature for 2 hours. The supernatant was analyzed by ¹H NMR.

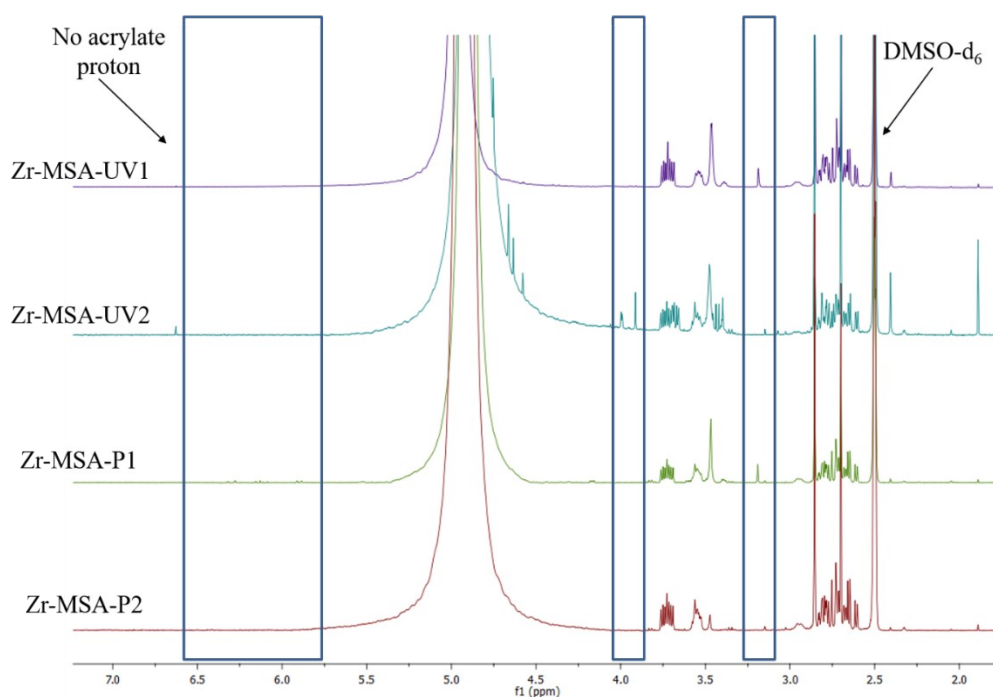


Figure S1. ¹H NMR spectrum of Zr-MSA-UV1, Zr-MSA-UV2, Zr-MSA-P1 and Zr-MSA-P2 (from top to the bottom) after digestion in HF.

No acrylate signals could be found at the region between 6 and 6.5 ppm. Indicating that all the PEG was attached to the thiols of the MOF structure. A singlet signal around 3.2 ppm could be seen in Zr-MSA-UV1 and Zr-MSA-P1 indicating the protons of the methyl (CH₃) in the PEG-acrylate-480. For Zr-MSA-UV2, signals around 4 ppm were attributed to CH₂-CH₂ that appeared after the click reaction. Note that these signals were between the multi signals of MOF linker, the PEG CH₂ signals (from 3.4 to 3.8 ppm) and the broad intense signal of HF (4.8 to 5.6). This leads to an underestimation of the number of clicked PEG-diacrylate-575, explaining difference between the figures estimated from TGA and NMR data. The wt. % amount of PEG was calculated using the theoretical Zr-MSA formula; Zr₆O₄(OH)₄(MSA)₆.

H NMR shifts of MSA and PEG back bone;

MSA: $\text{HOOCCH}(\text{SH})\text{CH}_2\text{COOH}$, 2.6- 2.8 ppm; $\text{HOOCCH}(\text{SH})\text{CH}_2\text{COOH}$, 3.57 ppm;

$\text{HOOCCH}(\text{SH})\text{CH}_2\text{COOH}$, 3.29 ppm

PEG: $\text{---}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{O})_n\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{---}$, 3.4- 3.8 ppm; $\text{---}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{O})_n\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{---}$, 3.6 ppm; ---

$(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{O})_n\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{---}$, 4.2 ppm

Table S3. Amount of clicked PEG (wt. %) calculated using TGA and ^1H NMR after digestion in HF.

Sample	PEG	PEG (wt. %)	
		TGA	^1H NMR
Zr-MSA-UV1	PEG-acrylate-480	2	3.8
Zr-MSA-UV2	PEG-diacrylate-575	23	7.3
Zr-MSA-P1	PEG-acrylate-480	0.5	2.9
Zr-MSA-P2	PEG-diacrylate-575	0.5	NA

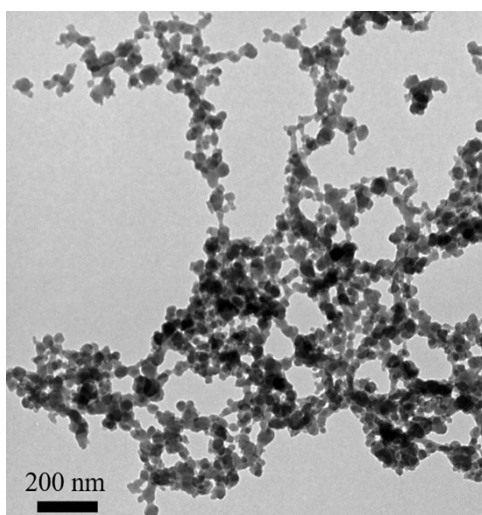


Figure S2. TEM image of Zr-MSA.

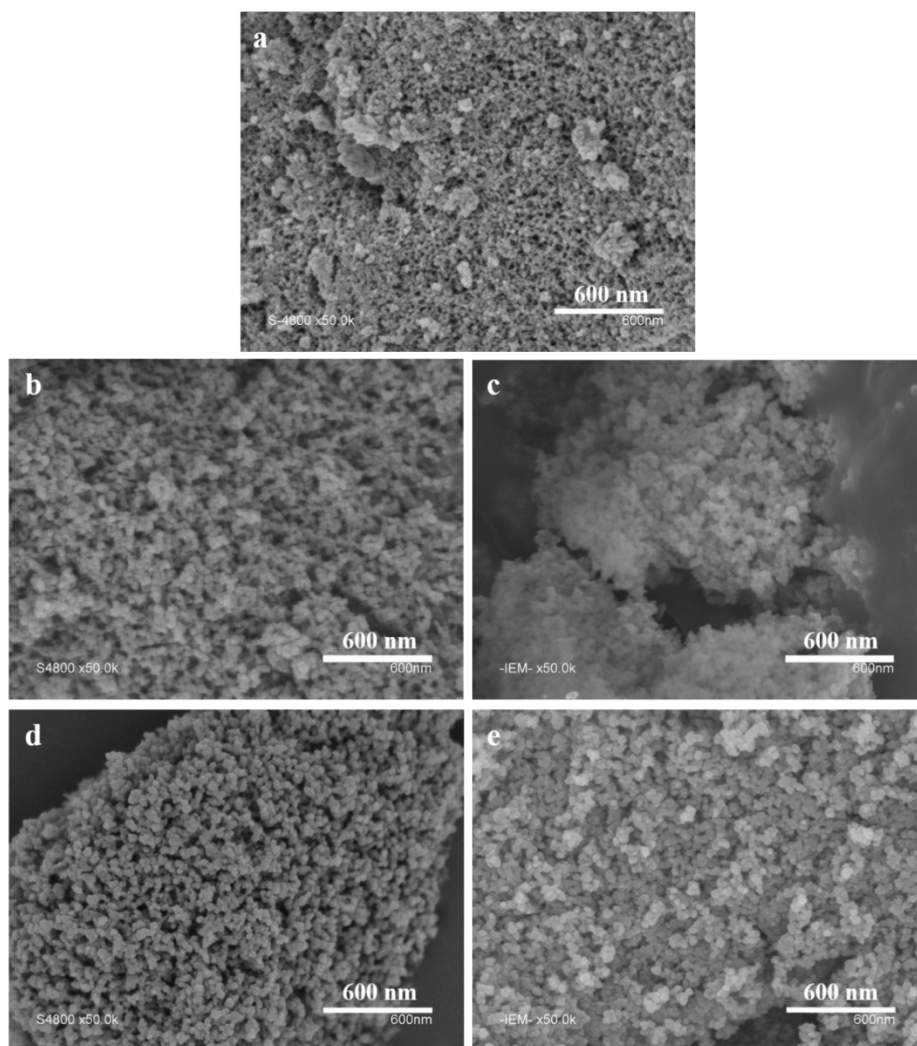


Figure S3. SEM (a) Zr-MSA, (b) Zr-MSA-UV1, (c) Zr-MSA-UV2, (d) Zr-MSA-P1 and (e) Zr-MSA-P2

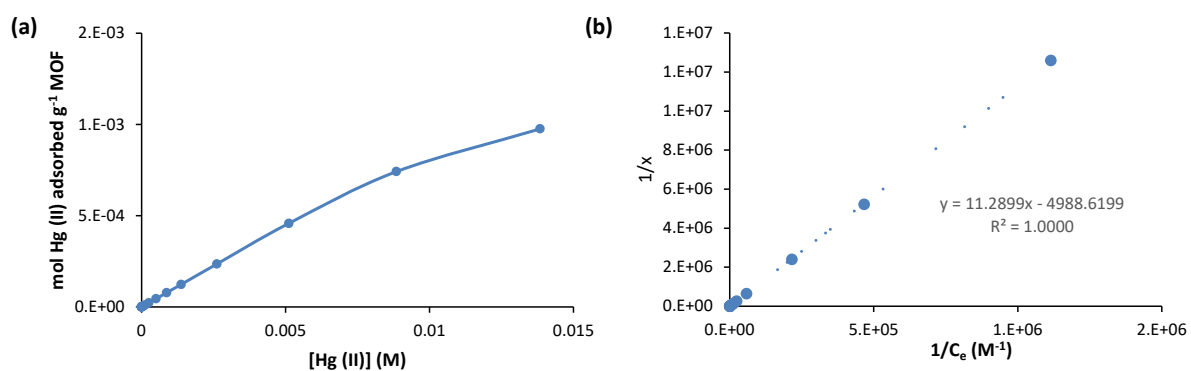


Figure S4. (a) Hg (II) adsorption isotherm for Zr-MSA-UV2 and (b) linear regression by fitting the equilibrium adsorption data with the Langmuir adsorption model.

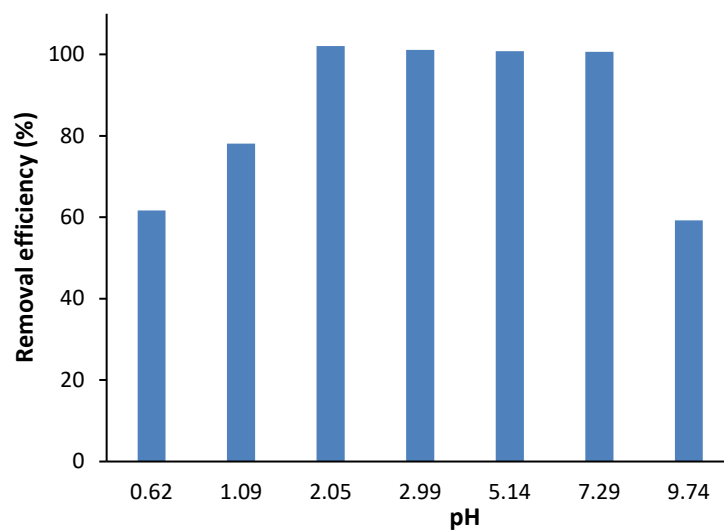


Figure S5. Removal efficiency of Hg (II) by Zr-MSA-UV2 under different pH conditions.

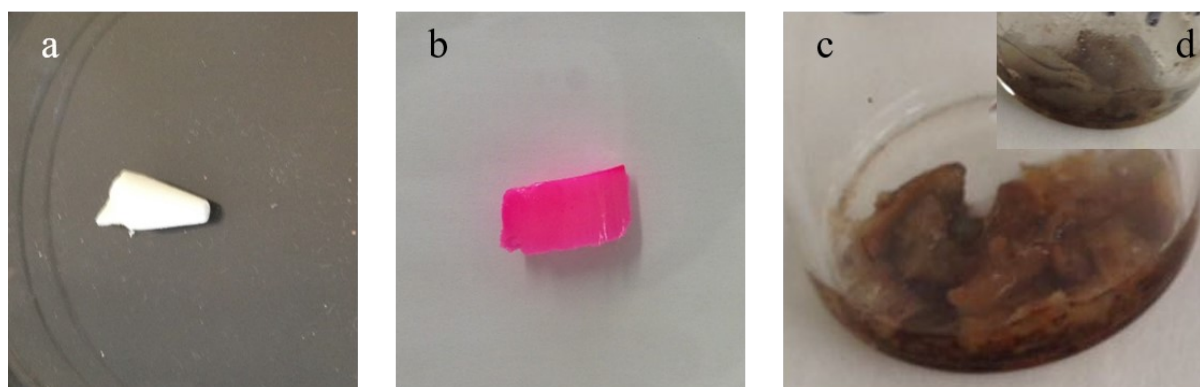


Figure S6. (a) Zr-MSA-UV2 gel, (b) Zr-MSA-UV2 gel after RhB adsorption, (c) Zr-MSA-UV2 gel after Cr adsorption, (d) Cr absorbed Zr-MSA-UV2 gel after 2 days.